

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Jingyue Ju et al.  
U.S. Serial No. : Not Yet Known  
Filed : Herewith  
For : HIGH-FIDELITY DNA SEQUENCING USING  
SOLID PHASE CAPTURABLE  
DIDEOXYNUCLEOTIDES AND MASS  
SPECTROMETRY

1185 Avenue of the Americas  
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March 30, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 13, 16-32, 35, 38, 40, 44-45, 47, 49, and 51-58 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a future continuation or divisional application.

**REMARKS**

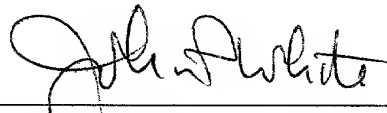
Claims 1-58 were pending in the subject application. By this Amendment applicants have canceled claims 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 13, 16-32, 35, 38, 40, 44-45, 47, 49, and 51-58 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, upon entry of this Amendment claims 1, 4-5, 7-8, 11-12, 14-15, 33-34, 36-37, 39, 41-43, 46, 48, and 50 will be pending.

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If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

No fee, other than the enclosed \$355.00 fee for filing this application, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if an additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully Submitted,



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